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and a first upright cushion base portion and a second upright cushion base portion attached to the door at said interiorly facing side, each of the upright cushion base portions having a plurality of parallel wafer engaging fingers extending from said cushion base portion, each wafer engaging finger having a wafer engagement portion, the engagement of each sequential wafer alternating between the plurality of wafer engagement portions of the first upright cushion base portion and the plurality of wafer engagement portions of the second upright cushion base portion, wherein the wafer engagement portions of the fingers of the first upright cushion base are laterally spaced from the engagement portions of the fingers of the second base portions, the interiorly facing side of the door having a plurality of apertures, the cushion base portions each having at least one shaft extending from each of said base portions, each cushion base portion attached to the door by way of the shaft portions extending through said apertures.

On page 4 of the November 12, 1999 reply, please delete the incomplete paragraph "[rigid] comprised of plastic....the cushion comprising PEEK." at the top of the page.

Please amend Claim 20 as follows:

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20. (Amended) A wafer enclosure for carrying wafers, the enclosure comprising a rigid outer shell with an open front and a door [to close] attachable to said shell, said door having a rigid wall portion [rigid] comprised of plastic with an aperture extending therethrough and a wafer cushion configured for attachment to said enclosure at said aperture without the use of separate fasteners, the [component] cushion having a base portion confronting the wall portion with a plurality of prongs extending outwardly therefrom[, the prongs] for engaging with the wall portion at the aperture, [having an outer wafer engaging surface,] the cushion comprising PEEK.

Please amend Claims 21 and 22 as follows:

B3 21. (Amended) A wafer enclosure for carrying wafers, the enclosure comprising a rigid outer shell with an open front and a door to close said open front, said door having a rigid wall portion comprised of plastic and including an aperture through said rigid wall portion, and a wafer cushion for attachment to said door at said aperture without the use of separate fasteners, the component having a base portion confronting the wall portion with a plurality of wafer engagement fingers extending outwardly therefrom, the wafer engagement fingers each having an outer wafer engaging surface, the cushion comprising PEEK.

22. (Amended) A wafer enclosure comprising an enclosure portion and a door, the enclosure portion with a front having a door frame defining a front opening for insertion and removal of wafers, the enclosure portion having a plurality of horizontally oriented slots vertically stacked for receiving a plurality of axially aligned and horizontally oriented wafers, the door configured for closing the open front and latching to the door frame, the door having an interiorly facing side with an aperture extending therethrough, and a cushion attached at the interiorly facing side at said aperture, the cushion comprising a first plurality of vertically aligned wafer engagement portions, and a second plurality of vertically aligned wafer engagement portions horizontally spaced from the first plurality, each sequential wafer being engaged [by] alternately by wafer engagement portions of the first plurality and wafer engagement portions of the second plurality.

Please delete the partial paragraph at the end of page 4 of the Amendment of November 12, 1999, that starts with 23.

Claims 23 and 24 as submitted with the Amendment of November 12, 1999 are as follows.

NP/ 23. The wafer enclosure of claim 22 wherein the cushion comprises a first cushion base portion and a second cushion base portion, and wherein the first plurality of wafer engagement portions extend from the first cushion base portion, and the second plurality of wafer engagement portions extends from the second cushion base portion.